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Subject: Re: Scan from HP LJ 400 AP article scanned from internet

EPA is committed to working closely with response agencies and state and local officials to ensure the safety of citizens, respond to concerns and to evaluate impact to water contaminated by the Gold King Mine Release. EPA is sharing information as quickly as possible with the public as experts work to evaluate any effects the spill may have on drinking water, public health, agriculture, fish and wildlife.

Please see our website for the latest information: <http://www2.epa.gov/region8/gold-king-mine-release-emergency-response>

Regular updates will be posted as they are available.

From: Mary Neisius <neisiusm@sanjuancollege.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 9:13 PM
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To whom it may concern,

As a Farmington, NM, resident, I have been following stories on the spillage that is destroying the Animas River and I find it totally absurd that any true scientist would make a statement such as the quote from EPA toxicologist, Deborah McKean (see attached) that the sludge moved so quickly that it would not have caused "significant health effects" to animals that consumed the water. This is an unbelievable statement! The sheer volume of this water, the time that it is continuing to pour into the Animas, the toxicity of heavy metals which are being continually deposited in to the river make me wonder about the ability of this toxicologist to properly do her job. How much arsenic, lead, and other unknowns at this time does it take to be considered dangerous. Also how long will these precipitate linger in the river beds?

I hope that the EPA is taking this more seriously than this one "scientist" and starts taking action before the Animas, the San Juan, the Colorado, and Lake Powell turn into the Love Canal of the Southwest!

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